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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

KUNIO SEKIYA

Serial No: 09/486,483

Filed: March 23, 2001

For: METHOD OF PREVENTING  
CONTAMINATION OF CANVAS USED  
IN PAPER MACHINE

Case No.: 24555-001

Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Mark Halpern

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED  
OCTOBER 16, 2002**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office position set forth in the outstanding Non-final Office Action mailed October 16, 2002, in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 2, 1 (Amended) A method of preventing contamination of a canvas for pressing a paper strip against a surface of drum-dryers used for drying the paper strip in a paper machine, whereby a silicone oil is continuously supplied at a spray rate of 0.1 to 200 mg / m<sup>2</sup> per minute to a surface of canvas rolls for guiding the canvas, in a stage of operation prior to the paper strip being pressed into contact with the canvas as well as the drum-dryers, while the paper strip is being fed by operation of the paper machine.